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Dr. Simon Ramo
President
Bunker-Ramo Corporation
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Dear Dr. Ramo:

I was especially pleased to have your prompt and enthusiastic response to my invitation to serve as Chairman of the DCI Space Intelligence Panel. This is an important area of national policy and intelligence concern, and one to which our own technical community can contribute significantly. Letters have now gone out to each of the proposed members asking them to serve on this panel. The enclosed terms of reference were drafted for the panel. They are intentionally quite broad but we thought you might like to have a copy for future reference.

The status of Soviet plans to land a man on the moon in competition with the NASA APOLLO program is of national concern, and must be clarified in the near future if possible. I should like to ask you and your panel to focus the first meeting on this question, and would hope that it could be scheduled in the near future. I am asking Dr. Albert D. Wheelon to work with you to establish an early date for the first meeting.

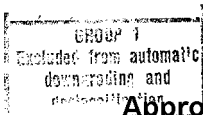
Sincerely,

((signed) W. F. Raborn

W. F. Raborn
Director

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